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*Orders relating to the Society in
general.*

THAT this SOCIETY be called
by the Name of, *The Society for
Promoting Christian Knowledge*; That
they meet the first *Tuesday* in every
Month, at Ten of the Clock in the Fore-
noon; and that timely Notice be given

of such Meeting, to all the Subscribing and Corresponding Members in and about *London*.

II. THAT no Business be begun till the Devotions agreed upon by the Society are performed, and that nothing be concluded on, till four of the Subscribing Members are present; but in case that Number should not attend, that then the Members present act as a Committee.

III. THAT the Chair be filled Monthly by a Rotation of Members present, and that the succeeding Chairman be declared at each Monthly Meeting, who shall preside at every Meeting of the Committee, during his Month; but in his Absence, his Place shall be supply'd by such Member as the Society or Committee shall agree upon for that Day.

IV. THAT at every Meeting of the Society, the Minutes of the foregoing Meeting, and the Minutes of the intervening Committees be read; after which, all new Motions and Reports shall be made, and then such Letters or Abstracts of them shall be read, as the Committee shall direct to be laid before the Society.

V. THAT before any Person be admitted a Subscribing or Corresponding Member, he who proposes him, shall assure the Society, or the Committee, of his being "well
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“ affected to His Majesty King GEORGE,
 “ and His Government, and to the Church
 “ of *England* as by Law Establish’d ”:
 And then if it be thought fit to proceed,
 (except when a Bishop is proposed) two
 of the Subscribing Members shall be de-
 sired to enquire, if the Person lives in Town,
 otherwise the Secretary shall be directed to
 write to some Subscribing, or Correspond-
 ing Members in the Neighbourhood, and
 enquire, “ Whether the Person proposed, be
 “ of a sober and religious Life and Con-
 “ versation, and of an humble, peaceable,
 “ and charitable Disposition? ” After
 whose Report, or the Report of the Com-
 mittee, the Society shall proceed upon the
 Election : And the Members, or Secretary,
 are thereupon to make their Report, ei-
 ther by Word or Writing, as soon as
 may be : And that this Order be read
 when such Enquiry is directed.

VI. THAT the Choice of all Members
 be made by Balloting ; as also the Deter-
 mination of such Questions as the Society
 shall not otherwise decide, which Ballot-
 ing shall be made by the Subscribing
 Members only ; and to prevent the Mes-
 senger’s presenting the Box to any other,
 this Order shall be read upon every such
 Occasion ; and that when the Numbers
 in Balloting are equal, it be determined
 by the Chairman. But the Correspond-

ing Members are at Liberty, if they think proper, to attend all the Meetings of the Society and Committee.

VII. THAT no Person chosen to be a Subscribing Member, be considered as such, till he signifies his Acceptance, by paying a voluntary Sum to the Treasurers for the Time being, and by Subscribing a Yearly Sum to be paid Quarterly, or Annually, for carrying on the Designs of the Society.

VIII. THAT no Member do withdraw his Subscription from the Society, without a previous Notice of three Months.

IX. THAT a Corresponding Member, who shall at any time Subscribe in Person, or by Letter, a Yearly Sum to the Designs of the Society, shall from thenceforward be looked upon as a Subscribing Member, without any new Election.

X. THAT no Person, chosen to be a Corresponding Member, be considered as such, till the Society are assured of his Willingness to Correspond with them.

XI. THAT no Sum exceeding *Forty Shillings* be disposed of, without considering the State of the Society's Cash; and that the Society do not enter into any new Article of Expence, that may

occasion a Charge of *Twenty Pounds* or upwards, without giving Notice thereof in the printed Summons (which are to be always sent out before the Meetings of the Society) to all the Subscribing Members, in and about *London*.

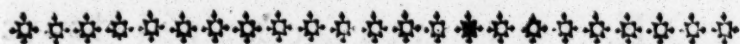
XII. THAT this Society will always decline the intermeddling with such Matters as are foreign to their Design of Promoting Christian Knowledge.

XIII. THAT the Society have an Anniversary Meeting of their Members, to Dine together once every Year, within three Months after *Christmas*.

XIV. THAT none of the standing Orders be repealed, suspended or altered, till such Repeal, Suspension or Alteration, has been proposed at two successive Meetings of the Committee; and not determined till the next Meeting of the Society, when there shall be at least five Members present; and that the same Rule be observed for revoking or altering any thing that has been settled by Balloting.

XV. THAT it be recommended to every Member, to pray to Almighty GOD, for a Blessing on the Consultations and Endeavours of the Society.

XVI. **T**HAT when any Member is indisposed, and desires the Prayers of the Society, the Collect, or Collects used in the Office for Visiting the Sick, be added to their usual Form.



Orders relating to the General Committee.

I. **T**HAT a General Committee of the Society's Members meet Weekly on *Tuesday* Morning, by ten of the Clock, and that the same consist of three, at least, of the Subscribing Members.

II. T H A T they consider all References to them from the Society, and have Power to appoint Sub-Committees, and receive Reports from them, as well as from the Secretary, and Committee of Receipts and Payments.

III. T H A T they have Power to receive Motions, as well with regard to the *East-India* Mission, and the *Arabick* Impressions of the New Testament and Psalter, as any other Business relating to the Society.

IV. THAT the Committee make a Report of their Proceedings, at each Meeting

ing of the Society, and that they have Power to call an extraordinary Meeting of the Society, during the Intervals of the stated Monthly Meetings, as Occasion shall require.

V. THAT the Letters to the Society may be read when two Subscribing Members only are present, who shall have Power to give Directions for answering them, and for sending any Packet that shall be desired, not exceeding the Value of *Forty Shillings*, conformable to the Rules of the Society.



*Orders relating to the Committee
for Receipts and Payments.*

I. THAT the Reverend Mr. Archdeacon *Denne*, *William Tillard*, Esq; and *Benjamin Hoare*, Esq; be the said Committee; and that they keep distinct Account of all Subscriptions, Gifts, Benefactions, and Contributions of any kind, made to the Society, and of their Disbursements on the Society's Account.

II. THAT their Accounts be Audited every Year, within two Months after
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Christmas, by such Persons as the Society shall appoint. And that an Account of all Arrears from Members, or otherwise accruing, be by them laid before the Society, upon the Report of such Audit.



Orders relating to the Secretary.

I. **T**HAT the Secretary keep a fair Copy of the Proceedings of the Society, and Committee, in a Book, or Books, for that purpose.

II. **T**HAT the Secretary do make an Abstract of all Letters sent to and from the Society, and enter the same in a Book, or Books, to be kept for that purpose; and also enter into another Book, Copies at large, of such general Letters as are sent to all the Members, and of such other Letters, or Papers, as the Society, or the Committee shall direct.

III. **T**HAT there be Indexes kept in distinct Books, *viz.* One of *Names* in the Abstracts of Letters, and another of *Things* contained in the Minutes.

IV. **T**HAT all Letters on Account of the Society, be directed to their Secretary, for the Time being, in *Bartlet's* Build-

Buildings, *Holborn*, and by him brought to the Committee.

V. THAT if any Corresponding Member shall omit to Correspond with the Society, by Letter or otherwise, for twelve Months, the Secretary shall give Notice of such Omission to the Society.

VI. THAT the Secretary do lay before the Chairman, at every Meeting of the Society, a Copy of their Standing Orders, to be then read, if thought proper.

VII. THAT the Secretary lay before the Society, at every Meeting, an Account of such Business as remains undetermined.

VIII. THAT the Secretary do, after every Quarter-Day, send to all the Subscribing Members, one of a Sort of all New Books and Papers, admitted by the Society the preceeding Quarter.

IX. THAT the Secretary keep an Account of all Books and Packets sent to the Members, and lay the same before the Society, the first Monthly Meeting after every Quarter-Day.

X. THAT all the Orders of the Society for Books, to be furnished by their Bookseller for the Store, and other extraordinary Services, be signed by the Secretary.

Secretary, and kept by the Bookseller, on a File for that purpose, as Vouchers, to be produced by him at the Audit, together with his Bills.

XI. THAT when the Society have approved of any Books to be distributed, and a Price is settled upon the same, the Secretary give Notice thereof to the Members in the Country, as they are occasionally wrote to.

XII. THAT the Secretary, once a Quarter, lay before the Society, a List of such as have been chosen Subscribing Members, and have not attended or Subscribed.

XIII. THAT the Secretary do, after every Audit, enter fair, into four several Books, the Accounts relating

To the Designs of the Society in General.

To the Protestant Mission to the *East-Indies*.

To the *Arabick* Impression of the New Testament and Psalter. And

To Mrs. *Palmer's* Legacy of 4000*l*.

XIV. THAT the Secretary do, at the Anniversary Meeting of the Society, lay before them an Abstract of the most material Transactions of the preceeding Year.

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Orders relating to Books.

I. **T**HAT a Printed List be kept of all the Society's Books and Papers, with the Prices at which they are disposed of to their Members.

II. **T**HAT no Manuscript be Printed, nor any Printed Book or Paper bought, or reprinted, in order to be sent to the Members, but such as shall have been first approved in manner following; that is to say, " When any Manuscript, Printed Book or Paper, shall be recommended to the Society, such Manuscript, Printed Book or Paper, shall be laid before the Committee, for their Consideration, whether a Treatise on such a Subject be wanting, or may be useful to the Designs of the Society; And if they are of Opinion it may be useful, then it shall be referred to the Perusal of four Subscribing Members, to be severally named at four successive Meetings of the Committee, who are to report their Opinion thereof as soon as may be; after which, if it be thought fit to proceed, it shall be determined by Balloting at the next Monthly Meeting of the Society, whether such Manuscript shall be Printed, or such Book

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“ or Paper, bought or reprinted, for
 “ the Service of the Society”.

III. THAT if any Book or Paper, approved of in manner aforesaid, shall be altered, or receive any Additions, such Book or Paper shall not be dispersed by the Society, till such Alterations or Additions, shall have been considered and approved of by the Committee.

IV. THAT no Book or Paper received by the Society, of which they have the Property, be reprinted without a new Order.

V. THAT any Book or Paper read, examined, and approved by the Committee, and afterwards agreed to by the Society, may be Printed, and dispersed, as the Society shall think fit, without passing the Forms before-mentioned.

VI. THAT the Sermon Preached at the Anniversary Meeting of the Children educated in the *Charity-Schools*, with the Account of the said Schools; The Sermon at the Anniversary Meeting of *The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts*, with the Abstract of their Proceedings; The Anniversary Sermon before *The Societies for Reformation of Manners*; and the Account of *Workhouses*, may be dispersed, without such Perusal and Examination as aforesaid, provided the Committee shall approve of the same.

Orders relating to Packets.

I. **T**HAT to every new Subscribing, and Corresponding Member, be sent, An Abstract of the *Letter from a Residing to a Corresponding Member*, with the Printed Catalogue of Books dispersed by the Society, to inform them of the several Branches of their Designs.

II. **T**HAT any Subscribing or Corresponding Member, desiring a Packet of the Society's Books, may be furnished with the same, according to the Regulation agreed upon *Anno 1720. viz.* The Bound Books at prime Cost in Quires, the Society being at the Charge of Binding; and the Stitch'd Books at half Price; and that when such Packets are desired, the Society do at the same time, send such Books as they design for Presents to their Members.

III. **T**HAT no Book, or Paper be, at any time, put into the Society's Packet, but by Consent of the Society, or their Committee.

F I N I S.

Of the Library of the Society

I. THAT to every new Subscriber
and Corresponding Member, be
sent, An Abstract of the Library of the
Society, as a Catalogue of the Books
by the Society, to inform them of the
several Branches of their Duty.
II. That any Subscriber or Corre-
sponding Member, desiring a Packet of
the Society's Books, may be furnished
with the same, according to the Regu-
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Price; and that when such Packets are
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